

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/712,780

Examiner

David Lazaro

Applicant(s)

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## -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05/06/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,7-9,14-16,21-24,27-31,35 and 36.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 13 November 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

### Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date 06302004.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

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### DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1, 2, 7-9, 14-16, 21-24, 27-31, 35 and 36 are pending.
2. Claims 1, 2, 7-9, 14-16, 21-24, 27-31, 35 and 36 are allowable over the prior art of record.

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Marc Hanish (42,626) on June 30, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

#### In the claims:

In Claim 1, in line 8, please replace "said service on said network device" with --a domain associated with a domain configuration override attribute, said domain--.

In Claim 1, in line 9, after "network", please insert --,--.

In Claim 8, in line 10, please replace "said service on said network device" with --a domain associated with a domain configuration override attribute, said domain--.

In Claim 8, in line 11, after "network", please insert --,--.

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In Claim 15, in line 8, please replace "said service on said network device" with --a domain associated with a domain configuration override attribute, said domain--.

In Claim 15, in line 9, after "network", please insert --,--.

In Claim 22, in line 3, please replace "service located on a network device in" with -- domain associated with a domain configuration override attribute, said domain located on--.

In Claim 22, in line 7, after "request", please insert --, said service request optionally including a domain identifier--.

In Claim 30, in line 3, please replace "service located on a network device in" with -- domain associated with a domain configuration override attribute, said domain located on--.

In Claim 30, line 10, after "request", please insert --, said service request optionally including a domain identifier--.

#### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reason for allowance is based on the remarks made by Applicants concerning the "domain configuration override attribute". Specifically, the Applicants defined the "domain configuration override attribute" based on a citation from the Specification (Page 16 of 21, in the Remarks section filed 05/06/2004). As such, the examiner could not find any prior art establishing a common meaning or definition for a

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(broadly interpreted) "domain override attribute" (or parameter, setting, configuration, description, etc), or the corresponding functionality of such an "attribute". The examiner also agrees with the Applicants in that the previously cited prior art of record does not teach the "domain configuration override attribute" as defined by the Applicants.

Furthermore, the examiner's amendment alleviates a potential written description requirement problem found in the Applicants' Amendment of May 6, 2004.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Lazaro whose telephone number is 703-305-4868. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain Alam can be reached on 703-308-6662. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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David Lazaro  
June 30, 2004



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